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COENGAR'S GONE TO HELL REVEL

STARTS: 10:00 AM Saturday July 23
ENDS: Sunday July 24

Having been in the Society for several years, I have had my fill of courts, formalities, and elaborate feasts, and as such have decided to go to Hell and take as many others as I can with me. The "Gone to Hell" Revel is NOT for the weak-hearted or serious-minded. It is intended to be a break from all the serious aspects of the SCA and just plain fun is planned. To ensure how many larders and cellars we must raid, it would be appreciated if you would call ahead and make reservations by the 15th of July.

The plans include: A Saturday evening Bar-B-Q, Water balloon melee, Pun Jousting, Most offensive codpiece, Most outrageous costume, Most bawdy song, Groveling, Bootlicking, Mass melee Soccer, etc.

Event Fees: (Fun, Food, & Drinks) Adults $5; Age 6-12 $2.50; Under 6 Free. Overnight Fees: Inside crash space with Sunday brunch $2.50/person; Tent space $2/tent; Brunch to be arranged.

Event Site: 10205 Powderhouse Road, Cheyenne, WY 82009

Autocrat, Reservations, Information: Friar Coengar, c/o Joe Hesketh (307) 635-3536 (for best results call before 1 PM or after 11:30 PM until 1 AM Please or LAdy Renate Koven, c/o Pat Hansen, Daytime to 11 PM (307) 637-8168)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE:

1 - ***SHIRE MEETING***, 7 PM, Room 208, Student Center
4 - Capitol Hill People's Fair (Caerthe)* Mistress Ursula (303) 450-7364
4 - Baronial Investiture (Caerthe) Mistress Ursula (303) 450-7364
12 - Unofficial Fighter Practice Plus (Halogaland Manor)* Master Odan (303) 622-4343
15 - ***GUILD MEETING***, 7 PM, 622 Whedbee
17 - Warlord Tournament (Dragonsspine)* Thorsvald (303)637-9725
18 - Croquet and Rapier Competition (Caerthe)* Lady Wyndylyn (303) 355-6598
19 - Unofficial Fighter Practice Plus (Halogaland Manor)* Master Odan (303) 622-4343
25 - Oasis Event II (Caer Galen etal.)* Elizabeth (303) 499-8807

JULY:

2 - Vulgar Unicorn II (Caerthe)* Morrigan (303) 443-8853
8 - Moonlight Tourney (Caer Mithin Halle) William (505) 885-1923
16 - Courtesan's Champion III (Caerthe) Lady Nina (303) 733-8103
16 - Rolling Thunder Drum Tourney (al-Barran) Ceridwen
23 - Gone to Hell Revel (Windkeep)* Coengar (307) 635-3536
23 - St. Sebastain's Archery Tourney (Hawk's Hollow) Erik (303) 452-0717
30 - Festival of Lughnasadh (Ard Thir)* Lady Ceallach (307) 742-0502

AUGUST:

6 - Warlord & Premier Blade Tourney (Caerthe) Katherine (303) 935-4375
13 - Three Hawks Tourney (Hawk's Hollow) Tambriel
27 - Grand Rustick (Glen Ora) Donald (307) 547-3557

SEPTEMBER

3 - Interkingdom Phun II (Scorpion's Hollow) tentative
10 - Highland Games (Caerthe) Wyndylyn (303) 355-6598
17 - Fortress Benefit Revel (Caerthe) Ariel (303) 530-1037
24 - Harvest Tourney (Dragonsspine) Selene (719) 597-5259

Items with * after them are detailed in this issue. Items with + before them ar out-of-Kingdom events. The deadline for artwork or articles is the 16th of the previous month.

ART CREDITS: Sabha
CARTOON AND SONG: Undwyn the Rhymer

OASIS TOURNEY II

It is late in June. During the longest days of the year, the merciless sun pours down on the weary caravans of travellers as they wend their way across the sere and windy plains of the Northern Outlands. But the terrible journey is justified by the pleasures that await these travellers as the Oasis.

Join us for the second annual Oasis Tourney. We will again have workshops, an inn offering Saturday lunch and soft drinks, a tavern dispensing beer for donations, an evening tourney, a late evening Middle Eastern feast, Sunday breakfast, and, of course, drumming and dancing most of the time. Merchants are welcome!

When? The dates are Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26. The site is available for set-up Friday night, but you must pay the Forest Service to camp there as a private citizen.

Where? We are at the same site as last year, the Crow Valley Recreation Area in the Pawnee National Grasslands, in Briggsdale, Colorado.

How much? Site fee: $5.00 for members, $6.00 for non-members. Feast fees: $5.00 postmarked by June 1, $7.00 by June 15, $10.00 thereafter. Breakfast fee: $2.00, $3.00, $4.00. Children under 13, half price. The early registration fees have not changed from last year.

WARNINGS: 1. Mosquitoes love an oasis too. Bring your own repellent, protective clothing, etc. 2. Be forewarned that this is out in the boonies, folks. There are NO nearby eateries. If you do not want to eat the feast/breakfast, then bring your own food. Hungry children may have supper early. We have openings for Munchkins. Three people may eat the feast free in exchange for cleaning up afterwards. One free feast to expert barbeque'r to grill the lamb steaks. Also two breakfasts free to the two people who clean up after breakfast. These must be arranged in advance with Mistress Elizabeth.

The site has lots of trees, decent outhouses, and running water. The site also has lots of mosquitoes. Bring heavy-duty repellent, and also bring good sunscreen if you plan to leave the shade. Fires in designated areas only. This is a wet site.

Scheduled events: 1. Three drumming classes with Sylvanus the Drummer; Beginning, Intermediate, and Ensemble playing for drummers playing in a group. 2. Dance class and/or warm ups. 3. Prize list on Saturday for mideastern knife. 4. Melee on Sunday. 5. Costume contest for period garb, Child's, Men's, Women's. (Scrolls to be awarded). 6. Contest for Middle Eastern Campsite. (Scroll to be awarded). 7. Other events as someone volunteers to do them.

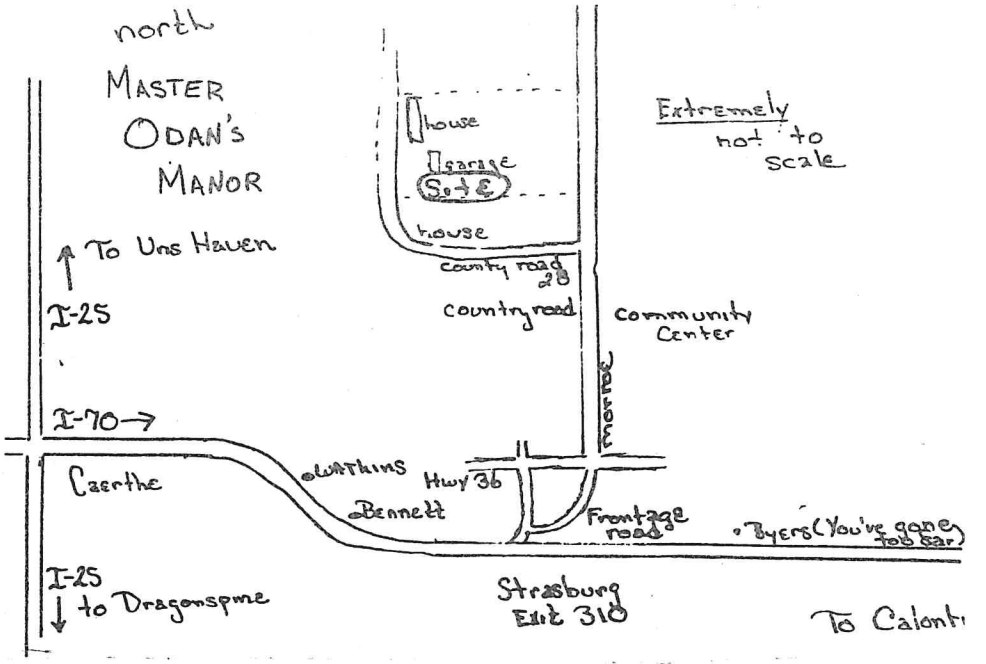
Send reservations to Overall and Caer Galen Autocrat: Mistress Elizabeth Freemountain, c/o Elizabeth Robinson, 370 South 43rd Street, Boulder, CO 80303. (303) 499-8807.

Ard Thir Autocrats: Lord Tod Coyle and Lady Caellach Tremen, 528 S. Lincoln #16, Laramie, WY 82070-6360. (307) 742-0502.

Unser Hafen Autocrat: Lady Tehri Hadeel, c/o Terry Foppe, 622 Whedbee, Fort Collins, CO 80524. (303) 482-6608.

Windkeep Autocrat: Maeve the Hither-dweller, c/o Betty Creegan, 4301 Hayes Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 80201. (307) 632-8938.

Glen Dra (Incipient) Autocrat: Elizabeth McCloud, c/o Sylvia Nelson, Box 98, 4217 Main St, Hillsdale, WY 82060. (307) 547-3557 (Message).



THE MAIDS OF UNSER HAFEN by Undwyn the Rhymer
Ein olde Cherman trinkink song (3 days olde)
To the tune of "Yellow Rose of Texas", with apologies.

Dere's a maid in Unser Hafen
Dot I am goink to see,
Nobutty else vill haf her,
Nobutty else, chust me.

She's a buxom little tosspot
Mit plump und dimpled knees,
Her lips are sveet as shtrudel
Mit a slice of Muenster cheese.

She's got gross und nubile nuker
Like dis ritter nefer saw,
Dey get your chuices flowink
Like heaping bowls of slaw.

Lofely maids of Unser Hafen
In iron and leather breeks,
Mit lofely little dueling scars
On rosy dimpled cheeks.

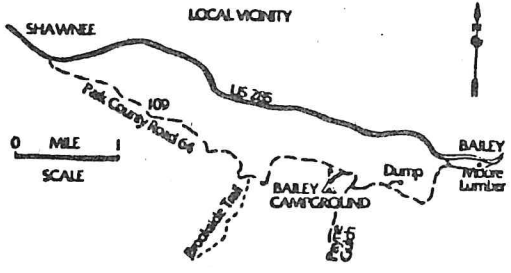
Oh the maids of Unser Hafen
Are no connoisseurs of wine,
But dey chug-a-lug deir beer or ale
From bicker, mug, or stein.

Oh the maids of Unser Hafen,
Ven dere are foes to slay,
Dey push us mensch behind dem,
Dey don't vant us in der vay.

You may talk about yor Godgifu
And sing of Guinevere,
But the maids of Unser Hafen
Are like sausages mit beer.

since neither of these Gods is know for their celibacy, we thought a wet chemise contest (for the ladies) & a wet buns contest (for the men) might be appropriate rites. It is, after all, always a good idea to propitiate the Gods! The wenches of the Tavern will be serving a Vulgar (but tasty) feast on Saturday night consisting of stew, sausages, bread & butter, cheeses, fresh fruits & short cakes for the paltry cost of $3.50 per person. Sunday night all are invited to bring their own dinners to the Tavern, and on Monday morning (before the final fight) there will be a Stone Breakfast there. (Bring something interesting, & preferably decadent, to share.) The Tavern will be serving pop & juice, & munchies all day; & beer & wine coolers after the party truce is declared. Site fee is $5.00 for the weekend. Please send feast reservations (with payment) to Morrigan (3135 Arnett St. #302, Boulder, CO 80302) prior to June 24th. (I'm mainly asking for this so that we know how many people are coming & thus how much beer/wine to buy. Remember Colorado is uncivilized & the liquor stores are closed on Sundays. We wouldn't want to run out!) Rules: Don't bring your "hats", your peerages or your children: this event is rated "R". Don't use the name of any character in the books: you can be anybody you like, but the Autocrats have dibs on all the names. Do peace-tie all live steel. Do plan to party, fight, drink, dance, play & have a good time. (Drums are OK, but we will probably want to sleep sometime.)

Directions: From any direction, take I-25 into Denver. Go west on Hwy 285 (which is Hampden in town) until you get to the town of Bailey (approximately 1 hour). Turn left at Moore Lumber. (This is Hwy 64, but the Moore Lumber sign on the South side of the road is much easier to see.) Follow the road to the fork & take the south (left) fork about 2 miles on a well maintained dirt road. The campground is also on the South side. There will be signs once you reach Bailey. Other stuff: The campground features grass, trees, tables & one hand operated pump for drinking water, so you might want to bring some of your own. We may or may not be able to have open fires depending on the fire danger, so you may want to bring your Coleman stoves. Don't forget your sunscreen. & as I said, you never know what might catch the eye of a god/dess! Overall autocrat: Morrigan 303-443-8853; Fighting autocrat: Alexandre 303-442-0959



All you can eat. All you can drink.
All you can fight. All you can party.
All you can...

Fight to control the city of Sanctuary!

Vulgar Unicorn II

Caerthe 4th of July Weekend

Fight all day. Party all night. Never grow old and never die.

Things are looking more dismal than usual in this sleazy little town at the edge of nowhere: the hell-hole of the Rankan empire has just gotten worse. The denizens of the Maze, the Hawkmasks, and the Stepsons have all decided that they want to rule this town. (No one has really figured out why.) All the good citizens (if you can use that phrase about anyone who lives here) have locked themselves in their houses, so there won't be any at this event. But you're invited! Someone will win control of SANCTUARY and you can help decide the outcome, 4th of July weekend, at the Bailey Group Campground, about 1 hour outside of Caerthe (directions follow). Maze Dwellers, Hawkmasks, & Stepsons - each a team consisting of rattan & rapier fighters, & non-combatants - will be formed at the site (either Friday night for early arrivals, or Saturday morning). Ultimate control of the city must be won by an entire team. Leaders can use any recruiting method (bribery anyone?) they may wish. All rules (& the schedule such as it is) will be explained Saturday morning at 10 AM, & shortly thereafter, the fighting will begin. There will be lots (& lots & lots) of fighting, & lots of activities (providing you call poisonings & assassinations activities) for the non-combatants as well. All the individual fights, melees & non-com activities will contribute to a group's overall points, which will add up to additional benefits to be granted by the Gods (Morrigan as Eshi & Alexandre as Vashanka: who, it might be noted, also take bribes offerings) at the final Grand Melee on Monday morning. About 6 PM each day (or after the final combat) a "party" truce will be declared. After that time, no battle points can be earned (at least not in the usual ways). Instead Sanctuary's ever changing & challanging night life will begin. All's fair at the Tavern -- & you never know but that the bawdy or war song you sing, or the tavern brawl you win (with rubber or boffer daggers only) may catch the eye of the Gods -- & it may be that extra point they grant which puts you group in control! In addition,

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FIGHTER PRACTICE

There will be fighter practice every Sunday at 1 PM at Spring Creek Park. Come to practice or just to watch.

ARTS & SCIENCES MEETING/WORKSHOP

There will be an Arts & Sciences Meeting/Workshop on WEDNESDAY, June 15, A. S. XXIII, at 7 PM at 622 Whedbee. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

FESTIVAL OF LUGHNASADH

On 30 and 31 July A.S. XXIII, being 1988 in the Common Era, the Incipient Shire of Ard Thir welcomes one and all to come and celebrate the Celtic Harvest Festival of Lughnasadh. We shall be holding a tourney both days and a feast Saturday eve.

Saturday's tourney shall begin with armor inspection at 11:00 and fighting to commence at 12:00. We shall also have games of participation for interested non-fighters as well as an Arts and Sciences competition for all. There is a $1.00 site fee, which shall be refundable to those who enter the competition. As it was the Celts who invented and first utilized the horseshoe, thusly all entries to the competition must utilize the horseshoe. Fancy work, needlecraft and other forms of art may be utilized in the formation of the entry. The entries shall be judged and prizes awarded.

On Saturday evening the Feast Hall shall open at 5:00 for set-up. Hopefully the first course will be served at 6:00. Feast reservations are due not later than 1 July A.S. XXIII. There shall be NO feast tickets available after that date. The feast shall consist of:

COURSE ONE: Poultry in Barley Stock
COURSE TWO: Roast Boar, Roast Beef, Peas and Potatoes
COURSE THREE: Sotelties

Bread, butter, fresh fruit and nuts shall be placed on the tables prior to the first course. Those of you wishing to attend the feast who have dietary restrictions please contact the Feastcrat.

FEAST FEES: Ages 13 to Adult - $8.00; Ages 6 to 12 - $4.00; Ages 5 and under- FREE.

RESTRICTIONS: Smoking will be in designated areas only. No pets allowed at either site. The Tourney Site is WET and the Feast Site is DRY.

Local motels and campgrounds are within five minutes of either site. For more inforation, contact the Autocrats:

Lord Tod Coyle - Feastcrat
Lady Ceallach Llyn Tremen - Tourneycrat

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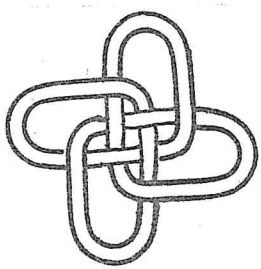

PEOPLE'S FAIR

Come one, come all!! Once again, the SCA will be at the Capitol Hill People's Fair, held this year on Saturday, June 4th, and Sunday, June 5th. This year we are in charge of the Renaissance area and wish to make a most impressive display of what the Society is and what our talents are.

There will be a rattan prize tourney, dancing demos, and musical entertainment. Society members who have handmade items they wish to display and/or sell through the SCA booth must contact Mistress Ursula or Mistress Morrigan IN ADVANCE.

To prepare for the dancing demos, there will be biweekly dance practices on Fridays followed by a potluck supper commencing in late April. Contact Baroness Katherine for details.

Help is needed for site set-up, security, manning the demo booth and clean up. In addition, to provide higher visibility for the SCA, we have offered to help in the Fair's information booth and pop sales booth. Volunteers for any of these activities should contact Mistress Ursula.

Plans are also under way to prepare banners and signs for the Renaissance area. Anyone with ideas or time to contribute, should contact Mistress Morrigan.

Further details later. Yours enthusiastically,

Mistress Ursula d'Arcy
(303) 450-7364

Mistress Morrigan di Winter
(303) 443-8853

FIGHTER PRACTICE PLUS

GREETINGS.

We, Master Odan and Lady Alianna, will be hosting an unofficial fighter practice, armoring help, etc., at our place on the following Sundays at 2:00 PM: May 22, June 12, June 19, July 10, July 17, July 24, and July 31. (Dates in July are subject to change.)

If you wish to practice rattan, fencing or shinai, work on armor, costuming, needlework, or just have fun, come join us. If you are a newcomer and wish to meet a few people on an informal basis, you are more than welcome. The only request we have is to have fun. We realize we are a distance from Caerthe but hope to see many of you in spite of that.

For more information, call 1-622-4343.

DRAGONSSPINE WARLORD

WHAT: Dragonsspine Warlord and Prize Tourney
WHEN: June 17 - 19
WHERE: Red Rocks Park near the city of Woodland Park

This is a camping event in a pine covered area. The site is a national forest park. There are two cinderblock restroom facilities and water. There has been rumours that the water sometimes stops, so bring some extra just in case. The site is at a high altitude with fresh mountain air. There are picnic tables and permanent grills near the camping sites. Standard forest service rules and regulations apply. The site will open June 17, at 5 PM for the people that would like to arrive early. You can NOT arrive before this time. The official event will begin at 11 AM Saturday the 18. Everyone must be gone by 5 PM Sunday evening.

The Prize and Warlord Tournament will begin Saturday no later than Noon. Don't be late! The first round will be Sword and Shield. You must carry a shield. The second round will be anything but shield. Also during the day there will be competitions such as the hammer throw, and a pole toss. Sunday, the third round will have growing melees. The melee starts with single combat, but the winner keeps the loser (and his team). If there are three teams left, the final round will be round robin this year. (That's right, you don't all get to gang up on me this time.) The highest placing Dragonsspinian will be the next Warlord. The person with the most points overall will win the prize. There will also be arts & sciences competitions. One example is the most period site competition. There is a large central fire pit area. We hope for entertainers, both singing and dancing. There will be no official feast, but a large cauldron will be brought for stone soup.

Autocrat: Sir Thorsvald von Valdkrieg
Matthew Kooy
(719) 637-9725 before 10 PM

CROQUET TOURNEY & RAPIER COMPETITION

Freehold Silverwood and Sippe nach Ausschweifung are proud to host the first sesquicentennial elimination croquet tourney on June 18 AS XXIII. There will also be a Rapier competition and children's croquet tourney. There will be chess and other board games. In the evening there will be games, dancing, and refreshments. Prizes will be awarded for the winners in the tourneys, and for other reasons which we will not necessarily announce. For more information and inquiries contact: The Honorable Lady Wyndylyn Leanb na Doinneann 355-6598 or Lady Kostlin die Naherin 369-8497.

FIFTH ANNUAL(?) UNSER HAFEN DEFENDER TOURNAMENT

On Saturn's Day Septembre 17th AS XXIII the Shire of UNSER HAFEN will hold its 5th Annual(?) Defender Tournament. Overall Winner of the Fighting will be declared Champion of the Shire of Unser Hafen. Highest-placing Fighter from Unser Hafen will be declared Defender and gets to Autocrat next year's Tourney. We're trying (very trying) to find some really unique categories for which to give prizes. In the evening there will be a Potluck Revel at the home of the Autocrat. Cost is a dish for 6-8 or $2.00. Come and have fun with us as we choose a new Champion and Defender.

Look for more information in the coming months.

Autocrat:

Lord Marshak the
Golden Wolf
mka Don Krause
2909 Swing Station Way
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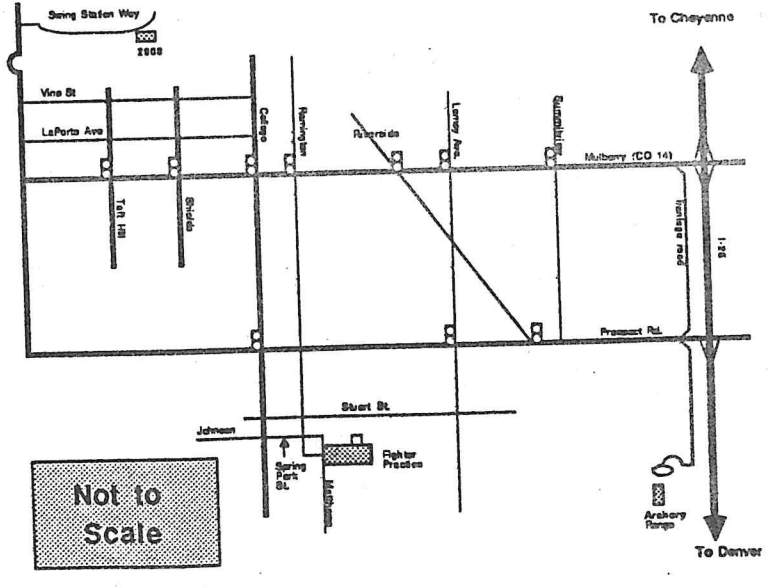

The Shire of Unser Hafen will hold Fighter Practice every Sunday except June 26, July 3 and September 4. Practice will be held at Spring Creek Park from 1:00 PM? and last until 4:30 PM? . We will also be holding Archery Practice every Monday except July 4 and September 5. Practice will be held at the Fort Collins Municipal Archery Range from 6:30 PM until dark. Royal Rounds and IKAC will be shot. For more information contact:

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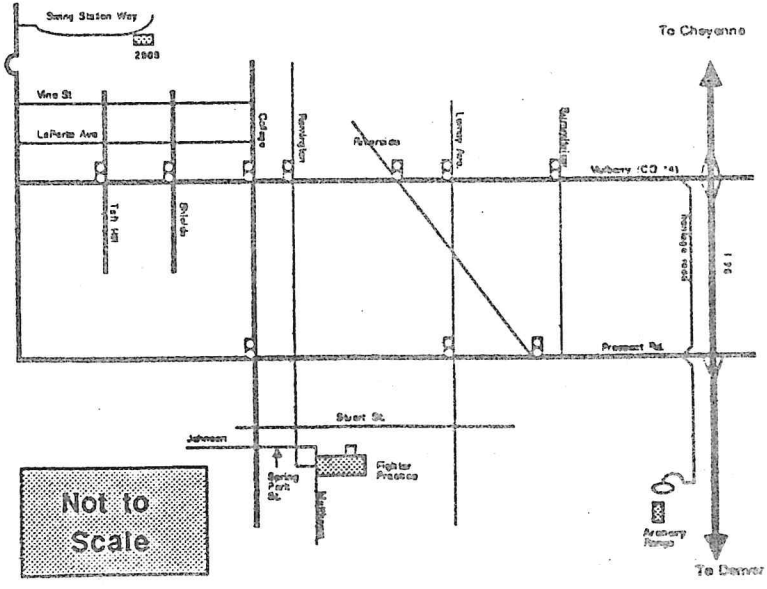

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